



# American College of Bankruptcy

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*Whereas*, Judge Wedoff is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, having been inducted as a member of Class XII in 2001

*Whereas*, after graduating from the University of Chicago Law School in 1975, Judge Wedoff joined Jenner & Block, where he became a partner in 1981 and remained until his appointment as bankruptcy judge by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals;

*Whereas*, Judge Wedoff served as a bankruptcy judge for the Northern District of Illinois for 28 years (1987 – 2015) and as chief bankruptcy judge for five years, during which he presided over the successful reorganization of United Airlines and many other businesses and distinguished himself in consumer bankruptcy matters;

*Whereas*, following his appointment by the Chief Justice, Judge Wedoff served as a member of the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules from 2004 through 2014, including four years as committee chair and five years as consumer subcommittee chair;

*Whereas*, Judge Wedoff was instrumental in revising the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Official Forms, especially the “Means Test” forms, in response to the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005;

*Whereas*, Judge Wedoff has been a leader in the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, serving as its president, member of its Board of Governors, associate editor of its American Bankruptcy Law Journal, and in other capacities;

*Whereas*, Judge Wedoff is a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference;

*Whereas*, Judge Wedoff’s affiliation with the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) has been longstanding and extensive, having served as its chair, president, secretary, vice president of communications and information technology, and in other capacities;

*Whereas*, Judge Wedoff was a driving force behind the creation and work of ABI’s Consumer Bankruptcy Law Reform Commission;

*Whereas*, Judge Wedoff has been a mentor and colleague to a vast number of insolvency professionals, and:

*Whereas*, Judge Wedoff has been dedicated to education in the profession and:

served on the Federal Judicial Center (FJC) Bankruptcy Judges Education Committee from 2007 through 2013 and on faculty at countless FJC education programs, including those for newly appointed bankruptcy judges;

founded and for many years led ABI’s namesake Hon. Eugene R. Wedoff Seventh Circuit Consumer Bankruptcy Conference; and

has participated in countless educational programs and published on insolvency matters.

*Whereas*, Judge Wedoff received the NCBJ Excellence in Education Award in 1995, an ABI Special Award for Work on Consumer Bankruptcy Legislation in 1998, and the ABI Judge William Norton, Jr. Judicial Excellence Award in 2016;

*Whereas*, upon retiring from the bench, Judge Wedoff continued his service to the bankruptcy system through his pro bono consumer appellate practice, recognizing that many issues in bankruptcy are not clarified by the appellate courts due to the expense of bringing appeals; and

*Whereas*, Judge Wedoff came to the bench with little background in bankruptcy and left the bench as a go-to resource for colleagues on all things bankruptcy.

*Therefore*, be it resolved unanimously by the Board of Directors of the American College of Bankruptcy that the Honorable Eugene R. Wedoff be awarded the 2022 Distinguished Service Award of the American College of Bankruptcy.

Awarded at Denver, this 1st of April, 2022.

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